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1. THISTEL NOT SENT FIELD POSTS. PLEASE DETERMINE ANY DISTRIBUTION
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2. AUDIBERT INDICATED ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE NOT RPT NOT AGREE
WITH POLICY OF WAITING FOR AFRICANS TO COME FORWARD WITH SPECIFIC
AID REQUESTS, VIEWING THIS AS POLITICAL SOLUTION WHICH WOULD
MAKE MORE DIFFICULT ARRIVING AT APPROPRIATE PLANNING OF PRIORITIES.
IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, HE INDICATED THAT FRENCH TECHNICIANS HAD OWN
IDEAS ON WHAT KINDS OF INITIATIVES SHOULD NOW BE TAKEN AND THAT
THEY WOULD EXPOSE THESE IDEAS TO SAHEL TASK FORCE. IMPLICATIONS
WERE THAT (1) AUDIBERT FELT THAT DELAY RESULTING FROM FRENCH
POLICY HAD RETARDED ACTIONS WHICH COULD TIMELY HAVE
BEEN TAKEN; AND (2) APPROACH WAS DEMANDING UNREALISTIC INIT-
IATIVE ON PART OF AFRICANS IN AREA WHERE FRENCH WERE IN POSI-
TION PROVIDE ASSISTANCE/GUIDANCE.

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